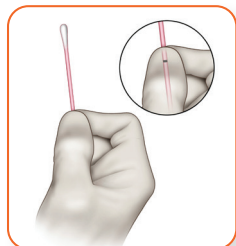
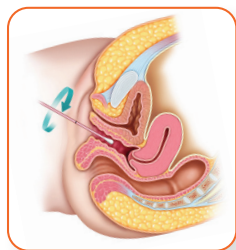


## Clinician collection procedure guide

### For vaginal swab specimens



Partially open swab package and remove swab. Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down. If the soft tip is touched, laid down, or dropped, discard and get a new Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit. **Hold swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of shaft covering score line.** Do not hold shaft below score line.



Carefully insert swab into opening of the vagina, about 2 inches (5 cm), and gently **rotate swab for 10 to 30 seconds.** Make sure swab touches the vagina walls so that moisture is absorbed by the swab. Withdraw swab without touching skin.



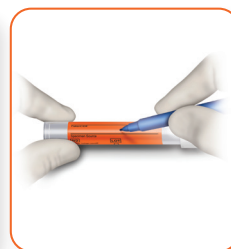
**While holding swab in hand, unscrew tube cap.** Do not spill tube contents. If tube contents are spilled, discard and replace with a new Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit.



Immediately place swab into transport tube so score line is at top of tube. **Align the score line with top edge of tube and carefully break shaft.** Discard top portion of shaft.



**Note: Do NOT insert score line below top edge of vial. Do NOT push swab to bottom of vial.**



Tightly screw cap onto tube. When collecting multiple specimens from the same patient, the tube label provides a specimen source field for unique identification for specimen location.

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